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SUBJECT: DETAILS ON DANISH PLEDGE AT MARCH 2 SHARM
AL-SHEIKH CONFERENCE

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¶1. According to Jakob Rogild Jakobsen, Chief of Section of the Danish MFA Middle East Policy and Assistance office, about half of Denmark's USD 17.4 million pledge will be directed toward humanitarian assistance, with about 90 percent of the funds earmarked for UNRWA activities and a smaller portion set aside for disbursement by Danish NGOs. The other half of the USD 17.4 million pledge will be disbursed by the Danish Government's development project office in Gaza for reconstruction projects. No funding will go to or through Hamas. The pledge is conditioned on a durable ceasefire and access to Gaza, and funds will be disbursed over the next three years.

¶2. Jakobsen noted that Denmark has also "re-packaged" a USD 34 million pledge for Gaza that was announced at a December 2007 donor's conference in Paris but has not yet been disbursed. The "re-packaged" USD 34 million pledge will be apportioned and disbursed along the same lines and time frame as the new USD 17.4 million pledge.
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